

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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Reception reports on the 10,130 MHz experimental relay will be appreciated.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SILENT KEY.

It is with deep regret that we announce the untimely death of Kevin Geustyn, ZR1KDG. He was found murdered in his flat last Monday. It is thought that he died on Sunday.

He was brutally tied, beaten and stabbed many times. Kevin was 48 years old.

The memorial service will be held at the Maitland Crematorium on Tuesday morning at 10:00.

Kevin was a committee member of the Oakdale ARC and was very popular, being one of the few who was always ready to jump in and help with any project. He will be sadly missed especially at the monthly meetings where he helped with the catering and setting up the hall, then the cleanup afterwards.

Our sympathies go to his family and friends.

(PAUSE)

In the news today:

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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

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The news follows in detail.

NEW SARL ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED

The Council of the SARL is pleased to announce the appointment of Vee Antal as full-time administrator at the NARC. Vee will start work on Tuesday 23rd March. Vee has worked in various positions dealing with the public, including seven years experience in the retail book industry. We wish her all of the best in her new post.

SARL AGM AND AWARDS DINNER

All League members are reminded that the SARL AGM will take place at the National Amateur Radio Centre on Saturday 3rd April 2004.

On Friday evening, 2nd April 2004 a pre-AGM social get-together will be hosted by the Sandton club at a venue in the area. Your host will be Peter Hoyle, ZR6KZ, and other members of the Sandton Amateur Radio Club. Please join us at any time from 19:00 till late. The name of the venue and location will be announced in next week's bulletin. If you need directions please call on the 145,700 repeater and directions will be provided.

The AGM will commence on Saturday morning at 09:00 at the NARC. Registration and submission of proxies will commence at 07:30. Please will all those carrying proxies make an effort to arrive early so that the AGM can begin on time. The AGM will take place in the Sentech hall, adjacent to the NARC. The SARL office will be open, and all the trophies will be on display. Refreshments will be available from the Sentech catering kitchen during the morning.

The first Council meeting will be held immediately after the conclusion of the AGM. The main business of this meeting is to elect the President and Vice-President, appoint the Secretary and Treasurer, and allocate responsibilities to Councillors. It is also important to agree on the timing and venue of the next Council meeting.

In terms of the constitution, (16.19) any League member may attend any meeting of the Council; but at any such meeting he shall not be entitled to take part in the discussion on any subject, nor be privileged to cast a vote.

The AGM Dinner and Awards ceremony will take place at the same venue at 19:00 for 19:30. All members and their partners are cordially invited to join in the dinner. A super buffet dinner will be provided by the Sentech caterers, and wine and alternative non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. The all-inclusive price will be R100-00 per person. There will be a special guest speaker, to be announced in next week's bulletin. The presentation of awards will follow the guest speaker's presentation.

In order to facilitate catering we need a commitment from everyone who will be attending as early as possible, but not later than MONDAY 29TH MARCH.

Prepayment is required. You can prepay by direct deposit into the SARL account as follows: Bank: Standard Bank, Killarney; Branch Code: 00 72 05; Account: 001 682 059. Please ensure that your name and callsign appear in the text of your deposit. The deposit slip must be faxed to the SARL at 011 675 2793.

If you have any queries please call the SARL office at 011 675 2393, between the hours of 09:00 and 13:00 weekdays, or email admin@sarl.org.za.

STATUS OF REGULATIONS SUBMITTED TO ICASA

In last week's bulletin it was reported that the proposed new regulations had been published for comment. It has now been confirmed that the regulations were published on 17th March 2004 in Government Gazette No. 25 814. Interested persons are invited to submit representations on the proposed amendments by no later than 16:00 on Tuesday 20th April 2004.

SIX METRES MARATHON 2004

The Six Meters Marathon 2004 is open to all amateur radio operators worldwide. The objective is to work as many DXCC entities as possible on 6 metres between 00:00 UTC on 8 May and 23:59 on 8 August 2004. The results will be continuously updated at www.50mc.tk. For further information please contact Hannu Saila OH3WW at e-mail marathon@saila.org.

CLUB NEWS

NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE DURBAN ARC

At the Durban Amateur Radio Club AGM held on 15 March 2004 the following new Committee members were selected:

Chairman - Louis de Bruin, ZS5LP; Vice Chairman - Dave Long, ZS5FR; Treasurer - Louis de Bruin, ZS5LP; Secretary Dave Smith, ZS5LPT.

Ordinary Committee Members:

Harry Houlian, ZS5H; Glen Duffy, ZS5GD; Daniel Giraud, ZS5DG; Porky Pieterse, ZS5AUJ.

NEW OAKDALE ARC COMMITTEE.

Following its AGM, the following persons were elected to the committee of the OARC: Chairman Dave, ZS1SG; Vice Chairman/Shack manager Bernie, ZS1BW; Secretary/Treasurer Dennis, ZS1DTM; Contests & Special events Gerald, ZS1GRM; Public relations Dave, ZS1DFR/Dennis, ZS1AU; Bulletins Marion, ZR1QRN; Technical Herman, ZS1HZ; Digital modes expert Etienne, ZR1AHW; WC Forum rep/Fox hunts Fred, ZR1FCS; Club QSL manager Dennis, ZS1AU; Caterer Herbie, ZR1ABV.

We wish these new committees well for their tasks and thank the retiring members for the service they performed.

SOLAR ACTIVITY

Ra the Sun god Tad “Sunny Boy” Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington, reports: Average daily sunspot numbers rose nearly 13 points March 11-17 to 66.1. Average daily solar flux rose by a negligible amount from 106.3 to 106.8. A solar wind stream caused geomagnetic disturbance from the last reporting week into the early part of this week, but conditions quieted. Mildly unsettled conditions may return over the weekend, with Friday through Monday, March 19-22, planetary A index predicted at 8, 12, 15 and 10. Solar flux is expected to moderately peak this weekend around 120 on both March 19 and 20, then 115 and 110 on March 21 and 22.

(Item condensed from the ARRL newsletter).

ACTIVITIES IN WHICH TO PARTICIPATE

Thursday 1st April the first 80-metre QSO Party at 19:00 CAT; Friday 2nd April the social get together hosted by the Sandton club. Saturday 3rd April the SARL AGM and dinner at the NARS. Sunday 11th April the SARL HAMNET 40-Metre Simulated Emergency Contest from 14:00 to 16:00 CAT.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Gustav, ZS6BWN, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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